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Mr. H. P. Cowith
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Dear Mr. Cowith:

Thank you very much for your letter of 18 May 1953, with regard to the 11-12 June meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board.

I note with regret that you will not be able to attend the meeting. A majority of the members of the Board having indicated that the date is unsatisfactory, I do not think it advisable to change it so that all members can attend.

Your very kind offer to have Colonel J. Z. Miller act as your alternate in cases where it might be impossible for you to attend is much appreciated. Although the Board has not yet formally adopted as a regular procedure the privilege of permitting members to designate an alternate who can act when the principals are unable to attend meetings, I do not think there would be any objection if you did avail yourself of such a privilege before the Board has formally adopted that procedure.

However, in order to make it useful to have Colonel Miller attend the forthcoming meeting it would be desirable to give him the same orientation and briefing that all members receive prior to engaging in detailed discussions of problems in our field. If Colonel Miller could come to Washington in advance of the date of the scheduled meeting we would be very glad to give him the necessary orientation and briefing. At least one and preferably two days are desirable for this purpose.

If Colonel Miller can come for the required briefing, any time most convenient for him would find us pleased to receive him, but it would be useful to be informed a day or two in advance of his proposed visit.

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WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN
 Executive Secretary

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Ltr to Mr. H. P. Corwith

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M/R: In response to our letter (ser. 0493) inviting Mr. Corwith to the 11-12 June NSASAB meeting, he said (R.S. 4974) he would not be able to attend but suggested having Colonel J. Z. Miller attend as his alternate. This letter states that there would be no objection to an alternate but in order to be useful at the meeting he should make an advance showing in order to be briefed and orientated the same with as all members receive prior to engaging in detailed discussions of problems in our field.

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